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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 185  
By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gordon Inman and  
Franklin National Bank on their outstanding  
contributions to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those  
outstanding persons whose dedication and hard work have had a significant impact on  
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon Inman is one such outstanding individual, who is most  
assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Inman exemplifies the true spirit and dedication that is characteristic  
of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Gordon Inman began his meritorious career at the  
tender age of 13, when he began working at a Nashville car wash; and

WHEREAS, three years later, Gordon started working for his brother at the West End  
Shell Auto Center; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Gordon Inman proudly defended his  
nation as a member of the U.S. Army, serving part of his tenure in Korea; and

WHEREAS, when he returned to Nashville, he became a partner in his brother's service  
station; and

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WHEREAS, because he had a wife and four children to support, Gordon Inman began selling real estate part-time for the late Leo Echardt, in addition to working full-time at the service station; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Gordon Inman decided to embark on a career in real estate, leaving the service station and opening Inman Realtors in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure in the real estate business, Gordon Inman has become one of the most successful real estate entrepreneurs in the state; and

WHEREAS, he has been responsible for several successful real estate ventures, including the Brentwood Place Shopping Center, Williamson Square and the Nations Bank Building at Maryland Farms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Inman was a partner in the development of the Stouffer Hotel and Stouffer Towers in downtown Nashville; and

WHEREAS, he also was the founder of the Maryland Group, a public relations and advertising firm, as well as being a founder of the *Nashville Scene*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Inman was introduced to the banking industry when he joined the board of the Williamson County Bank, the county's largest financial institution; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Inman thus discovered a profound love for banking; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently served as one of the founders of First National Bank, a bank that rapidly became Knoxville's largest local bank; and

WHEREAS, in December 1989, Gordon Inman opened the Franklin National Bank in Franklin's historic town square; he astutely serves as Chairman of Franklin Financial Corporation, the bank's parent company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Inman is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, where he is a member of the church's Task Force 2000; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Gordon Inman is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Shawn, and their four children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Gordon Inman and the Franklin National Bank for their many outstanding contributions to the good people of Franklin and to the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.